The TRYAL and Condemnation of the Truſtees of the *Land-Bank* at *Exeter Exchange*, for Murdering the *Bank of England* at *Grocers-Hall*.

Before Sir *Jo. H.* Lord Mayor, Sir *S. L.* Recorder, at the *Old-Bayly*.

Jurors and Witneſſes.

Sir *W. C.*	*O---ah S---ck*
Sir *W. S.*	*G. -H.*
Sir *VV. G.*	*J. C.*
Sir *H. F.*	*L. P.*
Sir *J. F.*	*R. L.*
Sir *A. T.*	*T J.*

Counſel againſt the Murderers, *K---G.* Clerk of the Arraigns——Cryer, *VV. A---d.* Mr. *B*——*coe* attending to hear the Trial. *Ant. G---or* coming in accidentally. *R. VV.* a Volunteer Witneſs.

The Indictment.

THe Jurors upon their Oaths do ſay, That the Truſtees of the Land-Bank at *Exeter Exchange* not having the Fear of the Mighty THE before their Eyes, but moved and ſeduced by the inſtigation of Senſe and Reaſon, the Bank of *England* at *Grocers-Hall*, in the Ward of *Cheap*, *London*, intending to kill and murder, on the 10*th* day of *Auguſt* 1695. upon the Bank of *England* aforeſaid, (in Peace from all their Creditors then being) at *Grocers-Hall* aforeſaid, did make an Aſſault, and with a certain formidable Weapon, called *The Settlement of the Land-Bank inrolled in Chancery An. Dom.* 1695. containing Ten Skins of Vellum, in length 24 Inches, and in breadth 22 Inches, in both their hands then having, then and there unto the Bank of *England* aforeſaid, on that part of their Head where their Brains ſhould lie, with both their Hands aforeſaid, one Mortal VVound, in length three Inches, and in depth two Inches, did give, of which ſaid wound the Bank of *England* aforeſaid, at *Grocers-Hall* aforeſaid, did languiſh until the then next Seſſion of Parliament. And the Jurors aforeſaid upon their Oaths do ſay, That afterwards, to wit, in the ſaid then next Seſſion of Parliament, the Truſtees aforeſaid, the ſooner to kill and murder the the ſaid Bank of *England*, upon the ſame Bank of *England* then languiſhing, at *Grocers-Hall* aforeſaid, did make a further Aſſault, and a certain poiſoned Arrow made of Copperas, Galls and Raggs, called *A drawn Clauſe for enabling the Truſtees of the Land Bank to purchaſe the Reverſions of the Annuities*, in their right hand then having, out of their right hand aforeſaid, into the H--ſe of *C--ns* then ſitting did ſhoot, from whence the ſame Arrow ſo ſhot did rebound upon *Grocers-Hall* aforeſaid, and the Bank of *England* aforeſaid then and there languiſhing upon the ſame part of the Head did ſmite: And ſo the Jurors aforeſaid do ſay, That the Truſtees aforeſaid, the laſt Seſſion of Parliament aforeſaid, to the Bank of *England* aforeſaid, at *Grocers-Hall* aforeſaid, one other mortal wound did give, of which the ſaid Bank then languiſhed, until the end of the ſaid Seſſion of Parliament. And the Jurors aforeſaid do ſay, that before the end of the ſaid Seſſion of Parliament, the Truſtees aforeſaid, the ſooner to kill and murder the ſaid Bank of *England*, in and upon the ſame Bank of *England*, at *Grocers-Hall* aforeſaid, did make a further Aſſault, and another poiſoned Arrow, made of Copperas, Galls and Raggs, called *A Bill for Eſtabliſhing a Land-Bank*, in both their hands then having, into the ſame H---ſe of *C---ns* then ſitting, out of both their hands aforeſaid did ſhoot, which ſaid *Bill* did then and there grow into a certain formidable Engine, called *An Act of Parliament*. And the Jurors aforeſaid do ſay, That the Truſtees aforeſaid, the laſt Seſſion of Parliament aforeſaid, at *Groce s-Hall* aforeſaid, with the Act of Parliament aforeſaid, in both their hands then having, the Bank of *England* aforeſaid, at *Grocers-Hall* aforeſaid, then and there languiſhing, upon the ſame part of the Head one other mortal wound did give, of which the Bank of *England* aforeſaid, at *Grocers-Hall* aforeſaid, until the fifth day of *May*, 1696. did languiſh, and then and there languiſhing died. And ſo the Jurors aforeſaid do ſay, That the Truſtees of the Land-Bank at *Exeter-Exchange* aforeſaid, the Bank of *England* at *Grocers-Hall* aforeſaid, did Kill and Murder againſt the Peace. *&c.*

Cryer Sir *VV. C.* To the *Book*.

Truſtees VVe Challenge him.

Sir *VV. C.* Bear Witneſs! I go in dread of my Life.

Counſel I bar Challenges, for there are ſo many Quirks in the Law about them, that if they are admitted, I'll quit the Court

Mr. *R*——*r* Gentlemen Murderers! Pray be not ſo rough in your Behaviour, for you'll fright the Jury and Counſel out of Court: VVhatever your Reſentments are, let your words be ſoft: Learn *Meekneſs and Malice* (the true Accompliſhments of a Courtier)

Truſtees VVell, (Mr *Cryer*) Execute your Office

Cryer Gentlemen of the Jury, lay all your Hands on the Book together, (*All hands on*) You ſhall all Swear your ſelves VVitneſſes and Jury-men in this Cauſe, (*All kiſs the book*)

Cl. of Arr. Gentlemen of the Jury. You are to try this Iſſue againſt the Murderers at the Bar. If you find them Guilty, or that they fled from it, Enquire what Guineas or Mill'd Money they have: If neither Guilty nor Fled, ſay ſo and no more, and hear your ſelves give Evidence.

Cl. of the Arr. You Murderers at the Bar, hearken what I ſhall ſay to you. You ſtand here Indicted by the Name of *Truſtees of the Land-Bank* at Exeter-Exchange, *For that you*, &c. How ſay you, are you Guilty or not?

Truſtees Not Guilty: And we deſire our Plea may be Recorded

Cl. of the Arr. 'Tis Recorded

Truſtees Now Mr *G*--- pray take Notice, that you have Indicted us by the Name of *Truſtees of the Land-Bank at* Exeter Exchange, and by that Name we have pleaded, and this Plea is Recorded, and now we are a Corporation upon Record, to ſue and be ſued by our common Name

Sir *VV. S.* G--ds Bl--d Mr *G*--- what Blunders do you make, this was their firſt ſtratagem in the Houſe of Commons, to make themſelves a Corporation by being called by Parliament *Truſtees of the Land-Bank*, in the Clauſe they offered for purchaſing the Reverſions of the Annuities, but we found it out, and ſo the Clauſe was withdrawn, and now you have made a fine mornings work of it, and be damn'd to you for an Old Blockheard

Counſel This is the firſt time I have been called Blockhead in Court ſince I been a Common Pleas Attorney; but if they have any Exceptions to the Indictment, let them take advantage of it after the Trial: I'le go on to the Evidence, and I believe Mr *S--ck* will go through the whole Cauſe

Mr. *R--r* If Mr *S--ck* can go through the whole Evidence, you had beſt ſet him a join'd ſtool, and let him ſtand up in the middle

Cryer Mr *S--ck*, pleaſe to mount the ſtool (*Up O--ah!*)

Sir *VV. C.* And I'le ſtand on the other ſide of *theſe Gentlemen Murderers*, for I don't like their Challenges

Counſel VVe will begin with the Settlement; Mr *S--ck*, pray give the Court an Account what you know of *The Settlement of the Land-Bank* at Exeter-Exchange

Mr *S--ck*. Account! I can give no account what it is: I thought you could give the beſt Account of that, becauſe you are a Lawyer

Counſel A Lawyer, ſo I am; I have been a *Barriſter* ever ſince I was Eight and Fifty, but I never read that Settlement, nor never will, for 'tis againſt the Prerogative and the Scriveners, and therefore I and three other Conveyancers have made an Oath never to have any thing to do with it.

Truſtees Come Gentlemen, You ſhall not want your Evidence, here is *the Settlement againſt the Prerogative and Scriveners*

Counſel Let the Court do as they pleaſe; but for my part, if you begin to read it I'le be gone, for I know there is a Trick in it, and they produce it here to draw us in to be guilty of Miſpriſion, by being privy to it (being, as I ſay, againſt the Prerogative) and I offer my Opinion as *Amicus Curiæ*, that you cannot ſafely read it

Sir H. F. Ay, G——s Bl——d, I'le hold 3 to 2 'tis againſt the Prerogative

Sir *VV. S.* G——s Z——nd, We won't hear that damn'd long Settlement, I remember they brought juſt ſuch long things in Parchment to *Grocers-Hall*, to have us lend Money upon Land in *Lancaſhire*, and made us all as mad as Devils

Sir H. F. D----mn 'em! I would not read it for Five Pounds

Mr. *G*: H—— I perceive here is like to be a Debate about the Contents of this ſettlement, but with ſubmiſſion, if we prove the ſettlement to be the Cauſe of the Death of the Bank of *England*, it will be ſufficient, though we prove not the Contents of the ſettlement

Counſel Ay, ay, 'tis enough. Come, Mr. *S——ck*, do you believe in your Conſcience, that the *Settlement of the Land-Bank at Exeter-Exchange* was the Cauſe of the Death of The Bank of *England*?

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[illegible] for it, but little bits of Paper called *Speeds Notes*.

Mr. *R—r.* In what manner do you apprehend the Land-Bank impaired your Credit?

Mr. *S—ck.* Why, every one said, that if that succeeded, it would draw the Cash from us, because their Bills being Mortgages on Lands, would be esteemed better Security than our Cashiers Notes, which were given out contrary to Law, and had no real Security.

Mr. *R—r.* Mr. *S—ck* Consider, we are trying a Murder, and not a Trespass: The Land Bank might do you an Injury, but you must prove the Mortality of the Wound,

Mr. *S—ck.* Why, Sir, you must know, that at that time our Bank was as big as they could tumble with Expectation of being the sole Bank of *England*, and having the Power of giving Laws to the Kingdom, and the Land Bank Settlement just then starting out, our Bank took a fright, miscarried of their Expectations, fell into Fits of the Mother, and never claw'd it off to their dying day.

Counsel. This is full Evidence of the first Wound, Pray, Mr. *S—ck*, give the Court and the Jury an Account of what you know of the second Wound, by *the Clause brought into the House of Commons, for enabling the Trustees of the Land-Bank at* Exeter-Exchange *to purchase the Reversions of the Annuities.*

Mr S——ck I don't know any thing of it

Counsel Well; do you believe in your Conscience that this Clause was one Cause of the Death of the Bank of *England*?

Mr. *S—ck.* Ay, on my Soul and Conscience do I.

Sir *W. C.* Nay, I am sure of it; for I remember something about a Clause about something at *Exeter-Exchange*, and I believe that must be it; and I am sure my Stock fell 50 *l. per Cent.* upon it; I am sure I have lost 1000 *l.* by their damn'd Clauses and Settlements, or one thing or other.

Counsel. Well, well, there's the second stroke proved, and now we'll go on to the Act of Parliament.

Counsel. Come Mr. S—*ck*, give the Court——

Mr. *S—ck.* Nay, I think I can say the Words my self now, I O——ah S——ck *do believe in my Soul and Conscience that the Act of Parliament for Establishing the Land-Bank, was the Cause of the Death of the Bank of* England.

Sir *W. C.* Well sworn *S—ck.* Faith.

Counsel. Sworn! he swears as well as if he were serv'd with a Subpœna: And for all Sir *W. S.* call'd me Block-head, you see I understand Evidence, and now I have nothing to do but to sum it up; which is in short, *That the Land Bank murdered the Bank of* England; for which I pray Judgment.

Trustees. And we pray the Verdict may be given before Judgment.

Counsel. The Verdict is but a Ceremony, with which the Court may dispence.

Mr. *R—r.* Nay, Mr. *G*——, we are Counsel for the Prisoners, and will do them Justice, therefore I am for the Verdict before Judgment.

Trustees. Thanks for Justice: Then, Mr. *G.*——, before your Verdict prove the Bank of *England* dead.

Mr. *S—ck.* I have the Evidence for that about me: Here's their last Will.

Counsel. This same *O—ah* manages Evidence almost as well as I do. Come, read the Will.

Cl. of the Arr. KNow all our Creditors by these Presents, That we the Governour and Company of the Bank of *England*, being weak in Body through the Wounds received from the Land Bank at *Exeter-Exchange* (to whom we lay our Death) but of as good sense as ever we were, finding our selves impaired in our Credit and Reputation, and despairing of Recovery, do make this our last Will and Testament. *First*, We bequeath our Soul to the Devil, in order to serve the Publick out of our Creditors Money: And as to the Qualities of our Mind, we dispose thereof as follows, *viz.* All our Skill in Foreign Exchanges, and our Probity and Candor in making up the Accounts of the Loss thereof, we give to all and every of our Directors (except four or five) jointly and severally, to hold to them and their Successors in Tail-Bank, as Heire-Loomes and indelible Monuments of their Skill and Probity for ever. All our Obstinacy and Blunders we give to our present *G*——*r*. All our Oaths, Impudence and Lies, we give unto our present *D—G—r*, and our D——*r* Sir *H. F.* to hold in joynt-Partnership during their Lives, and the Survivor to have the whole. All our shuffling Tricks we give to our *D*——*r* Sir *W. G.* All our Cunicalness and Self-conceit we give to our *D—rs F. W.* and *G. H.* equally to be divided betwixt them, share and share alike, as Tenants in Common. All our Blindness and Fear we give unto our *D*——*r O*——ah *S*——*ck*, and we also give him five Pounds in Money, to buy him a New Cloath Coat, a New half Beaver Hat, a second hand Periwigg, and an old black Sword, to solicit with in the *Lobby*, and also to buy him a pair of Spectacles to write Letters to Lords with. And as to the residue of our Temporal Estate (besides the said 5 *l.*) we dispose thereof as follows: *Imprimis*, We devise to our own which it stands Mortgaged by Bank Bills, in full satisfaction of all their great Expectations from the *Probity and Skill* of our Directors, advising them to accept a Redemption thereof by Parliament whenever they can have it. *Item*, All our ready Moneys (before any of our Debts paid) we give to our Executors herein after named, upon trust that they shall from time to time, until the first day of *August*, 1696. lend the same into the *E*——*r*, upon Condition to defeat the Establishment of the Land Bank: And from and after the said first day of *August*, then to lend out the same into the said *E*——*r* upon security of Promises to Establish our Executors the next Sessions instead of the Land-Bank, and for such other Premiums as our said Executors can get to themselves for doing thereof. And we do direct our said Executors to continue the Sums and Pensions already allowed to our fast Friends they know where. And after all our ready Moneys so disposed, we leave the residue of our Effects for payment of our Bills and Notes, at such days and hours, and in such manner and proportion, and with such preferences as our said Executors shall think fit. And we do hereby Constitute our Directors Executors of this our Will, giving unto each of them Power out of our Cash to discount their own Talleys, Bills and Notes at *Par*, and the Bills and Notes of other our Creditors at the highest Discount they can get for the same: And our Body we commit to be buried with all privacy, lest our Creditors arrest our Corps. *In Witness* whereof we have hereunto set our Common Seal, the 4*th.* day of *May*, 1696.

Trustees. Where was your Bank buried?

M. *S—ck.* Why Fools! Don't you hear 'twas a private Funeral to conceal the Body: But here's a Copy of their Epitaph.

The Epitaph.

Cl. of the Arr. HEre lyes the Body of the Bank of England, *who was born in the Year* 1694. *and died the* 5th. *day of* May, 1696: *in the third Year of their Age. They had Issue Legitimate by their Common Seal* 1200000 *l. called* Bank Bills, *and by their Cashier two Millions of Sons of Whores, called* Speeds Notes.

Trustees. Well, we are satisfied the Bank of *England* is dead, but must desire your Witness to keep his Stool for one heat more, while we cross-examine him, to prove the Bank of *England* Felo de se.

Mr. S—*ck.* I don't know what that is.

Trustees. Why, that your Bank murdered themselves, and if so, their *Effects* are forfeited, and you as Executors cannot have them.

Mr. *R—r*, Mr. *G.* What do you say to the Law in that point?

Counsel. 'Tis Crown Law; but it may be so for ought I know, and therefore I cannot advise the Executors to give any Evidence.

Mr. *R—r*, Look you Gentlemen at the Bar, have you any other Evidence here? for we cannot force Men to swear against themselves, that is to make them all Felons *de se*.

Trustees. Yes, here is the Inquisition *post mortem* taken before the Justices of the Peace, because the Body could not be found for the Coroner to take an Inquition upon view of it; and we pray it may be read.

The Inquisition.

Cl. of the Arr.

London ss. AN Inquisition intended, taken at *Grocers-Hall* the 5*th.* day of *May*, 1696. before *A, B, C, D,* &c. Justices, by *E, F, G, H,* &c. Jurors, return'd, sworn and impannell'd to enquire into the Cause of the Death of the Bank of *England*, who upon their Oaths do say, That on the last day of the Session of Parliament, in which the said Bank was established, the said Bank then being in Health, the Directors of the Bank aforesaid, the fear of the Laws of the Kingdom before their Eyes not having, but moved and seduced by the instigation of Covetousness and Folly, at *Grocers-Hall* aforesaid, the day and year aforesaid, intending to evade the said Act of Parliament, did devise and frame several unlawful Engines called *Cashiers Notes*, and with the Engines aforesaid did draw in several great summs of Clipt Moneys, and certain peices of Wood called Talleys, whereby they came indebted above the summ of 1200000 *l* in contempt of the said Act of Parliament. And the Jurors aforesaid do say, that in the Session of Parliament then next following, the Directors of the Bank aforesaid, the Love of Truth in their Hearts not having, but moved by the Fear of Punishment, with intent to impose upon the subjects of this Kingdom, at *Grocers-Hall* aforesaid, a certain false Libel, called an Advertisement did devise and frame, in these words following, or to the like effect, *viz. The Directors of the Bank of* England *do hereby give Notice, that they will lend Money on all real securities at Interest of* 5 *l.* per Cent. and the same false Libel into the *Gazette* did put. And the Jurors afore said do say, that the Directors aforesaid do say, that the Directors of the Bank aforesaid, in further prosecution of their Covetousness and Folly, being ignorant and unskilful in Forreign Exchanges, and having no Goods or Effects in Forreign parts, did undertake and contract for the remitting of great Summs of Money beyond the Seas. And the Jurors aforesaid do find, that the Bank aforesaid having by their Cashiers Notes, and remitting of Moneys as aforesaid, contracted great Debts at home and abroad, out of their further Covetousness and Folly did deliver a Memorial for procureing an Act for recoining the silver Moneys of this Kingdom, and reducing the price of Guinea's, in hopes thereby to recover their debts by their remittances aforesaid; and so fondly fancying that their said unlawful Engines would have drawn in unto them the Moneys recoined, and the Guinea's reduced, in the same manner as they did the clipt Moneys. And the Jurors aforesaid do say, That the recoining the said silver Moneys did occasion the greatest part of the Moneys then in the subjects hands to be drawn from them, in order to be recoined, which (contrary to the fond Conceit of the Directors aforesaid) after the said 4*th.* day of *May*, 1696. did occasion great Demands to be made upon them at home and from abroad, for payment of the Bills and Notes, in current Moneys. And the Jurors aforesaid do say, That the *Bank of England* aforesaid their former Trespasses and Debts calling to mind and despairing of the Payment and Forgiveness thereof, on the 5*th.* day of *May*, 1696 between the hours of 12 and 1 of the same day at *Grocers Hall* aforesaid, a certain deserate Speech (by the mouth of their Governour) did attempt to utter, and in the attempt thereof then and there instantly dyed. And so the Jurors aforesaid do say, that the *Bank of England* aforesaid, on the 5*th.* day of *May* 1696. between the hours of 12 and 1, of the same day, at *Grocers-Hall* aforesaid, of the Payment and Forgiveness of their former Debts and Trespasses utterly despairing, then and there of Despair dyed.

Trustees. There's our Evidence: But because your Counsel is not used to Crown Law, we will be so fair to inform him, that the Executors may traverse the Inquisition, if they please, being not taken *super visum Corporis*: Or if he can prove the Bank of *England Non compos mentis* at the time when they gave themselves the strokes, they will not be Felo *de se*.

Counsel. For your advise of Traversing (which is matter of Law) you may keep it to your selves, for I know 'tis as troublesom as Challenging the Jurors: But for the Evidence I'll try it. Mr. *S—ck*, Can you swear the Bank of *England* or their Directors to be mad at the times they evaded the Act, printed a Lye to the Kingdom, and ruined their own Credit by Laws procured by themselves.

Mr. *S—ck.* Nay, in my Soul and Conscience I think we were all mad, and bewitch'd too, for if you did but see our Hall upon a Pay-day, you'd think Hell were broke loose.

Trustees. Yes, yes, they say you keep Watch and Ward there, to defend your Cashier from your Creditors, and your Directors from the Devil.

Mr. *S—ck.* O ho! I know whereabouts you are, you have read the Letter to Mr. *L—ck.* have you! but did you never read *Our Payments defended against it?*

Trustees. Yes, yes, Defended *Vi & Armis.*

Mr. *S—ck.* Well, and han't I spoke Lattin in my Letter to a Lord, *Hic Labor hoc opus est.*

Trustees. Yes, paying your Bills is hard work.

Mr. *S—ck.* Hard work! han't I made it easie by general Directions to the Subjects *to do as they did before the* 4th. *of* May.

Trustees. Yes, yes, face about Gentlemen as ye were, do as ye did yesterday, as the *Militia Major* said to his Men.

Mr. *S—ck.* Said to his Men, you Fools you, han't I named *the Skill and Probity of the Directors* three times in four pages.

Trustees. Yes, yes, *Three blew beans in a blew bladder, rattle bladder rattle*, say that nine times in a breath if you can.

Mr. *S——ck.* Breath, Fools! han't I said *Our Hall is well situated?*

Trustees. Yes, for a Den of Thieves, as your Predecessors the Bankers of old made the Temple at *Jerusalem*: But can you get no one else to write for you?

Mr. *B——coe.* An't shall like your Worships, I'le write for you if you please.

R. W. And I an't shall please your Honours.

Cryer. Or I, Master *S——ck.*

Mr. S——*ck.* Where do you all live?

Mr. *B—coe.* An't please you, Sir, I live in *White-Cross-Alley*, in *Moorfields*, but I ply in the *Lobby* in Parliament time.

R. W. I live about *Charing-Cross*, an't please you, but I ply here at the *Old-Bayly* in Sessions time, where I meet with a job of Testimony now and then.

Cryer Truly, Sir, I can't say I live any where, but I am at the *Grecian* Coffee-house six hours every day.

Mr. S——*ck.* What Trades are you?

Mr. *B——coe.* Sir, we Club together, and write Journey-work in Partnership, like Fidlers, 'tis no matter which of us you give the money to.

Mr. S——*ck.* Well, what will you have to write for us, and against the Land-Bank this Sessions?

Trustees Nay, they can write against No body but themselves.

Cryer. Master, don't believe them, we write as strong as mustard, I wrote a Book against five Gentlemen in their Vindication, I wrote *Mr. J. A's Argument proved to be no Argument*, and assigned two Errors in his Settlement. First, *That the Bills do not discharge the Land.* Secondly, *That the Lands can never be discharged of them.* There's a Dilemma for your Worship, Master *S——ck.*

R. W. O we are Old Dogs at Dilemma's, we three wrote *Mr. J. A's* Plagiarism, (there's a hard word for you) and proved. First, *That he stole Mr* B——coe's *Notions.* Secondly *That he did not write his own Book.* There's Even and Odd *with a Witness*

Mr. B——coe. And I sign'd a Bond with condition to be void, if the money were not paid at the day.

Mr. A——d. And we write quick, every one takes his part, and we'll run ye up 100 Pages presently, all the same Stile, Sense and Language.

R.W. And there's no Hacks-nest in Town can under write us.

Cryer. No! We go as near the Thumb as any *Men*, I always write in my own Hair and Brown Paper.

Mr. B——coe. Then we care not what we say, for we have nothing to loose but our Ears, and the residue of *Mr. A—d's* Hair.

Mr. S——ck. Well, well, I partly understand the Prizes of these matters; We have had several things done in *Grub-street.*

Mr. B——coe. Come Master, to be short, we'll leave it to your Worship, but I hope you'l consider that I have been at great charge in printing Books, and breaking open Chests, it cost me eighteen pence to a Blacksmith to come at the Cash in my Bank.

R. W. Ay, that I'll swear, for I had some of the money for advice upon the *Clausum fregit.*

Mr. S——ck. You must deliver your Papers in the *Lobby* twice a week.

Mr. B——coe. Yes, yes, your Worship shall see us there every day, if your Directorship please to put on your Spectacles.

Mr. R——r. Come Gentlemen, you must not make the Court a Market Overt to sell your Wares in. *Mr. G.* have you done?

Counsel, I have done, I'll let it rest here, we have proved the Bank of *England* dead, and their Directors mad, and if that be not Evidence enough to hang *Land-Bank men*, I don't know what is.

R. W. An please your Worships, if you want Evidence, I'll swear them into the Plot for you in my Band.

Trustees. Ay, we had rather you'd write against us twice, than swear against us once. Your Hand upon the Bible is as terrible as a Heroes upon his Sword.

Mr. R——r. Gentlemen of the Jury, do you want any more Evidence?

Sir *W. C.* No, no. 'Twould be a Disparagement to *Mr. S——ck.* to have any one joined with him? Come honest *O—ah.* thou hast done enough for one day, dismount the Stool, and let me come up and give the Verdict. (*up Foreman*)

Cl. of Arr. Gentlemen of the Jury are ye agreed of your Verdict?

Jury. Yes.

Cl. of Arr. Who shall say for you?

Jury. Our Fore-man upon the stool.

Cl. of Arr. How say you Sir *W. C.* are these *Murderers* Guilty, or not Guilty?

Sir *W. C.* Guilty, guilty, I am sure I am 1000 *l.* the worse for them, one way or other.

Cl. of Arr. What Guineas or mill'd *Money* do you find they had?

Sir *W. C.* 200 Thousand Guineas, which we carried to *Exeter-Exchange* in a Cart one morning by break of day.

Mr. R——r. Well, Gentlemen, I have a direction not to spill Blood, but that your Judgment shall be, and the Court doth award, *That you shall go from hence to* Exeter-Exchange, *(being the place from whence you came) and from thence take the 200 thousand Guineas which are found upon you, and carry them to* Grocers-Hall, *(being the place of Execution) for repaying the Bank of* England *the* 200000 *l. they lent, on condition to defeat the Land Bank.*

Trustees. If you'll give us a Receit upon the back of what we'll now produce, you shall have the *Money.*

Mr. R——r. What is that? give it to the Cl. of Arr.

Cl. of the Arr.

Articles of a League offensive and defensive, made between—— and the Directors of the Bank of England, *the day of bringing in the Bill for Establishing a Land-Bank;*

'1. THat there shall be provided a flying Squadron of Volunteers (to be commanded by Sir *J. F.*) who shall go pickeering in all Coffee-houses and other publick places, to rail against the Land Bank;

'11. That in case the power of the *Enemy* shall prevail to pass the Bill into an Act, all possible care shall be taken to add such Clauses to the Bill as may disable the Prosecutors thereof

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wards the raising the said moneys, the same shall afterwards be opposed, expunged or cut out.

'III. That all possible care shall be taken, that the Act be so long delayed, that the Commission may not be Issued soon enough for receiving any subscriptions in Clipt money before the 4th of *May*, pursuant to the Clause in the Act for remedying the ill state of the Coine, *pag.* 9. and that the Commission shall by any frivolous Objections be delayed as much as may be to the 1st. of *August*, to streighten the Commissioners in time, and that all persons expediting the Commission shall be reprimanded and affronted.

'IV. That after the Commission Issued, there shall be a Proclamation Issued out by some body of the —— prohibiting all Officers of Court to subscribe to it.

'V. That the said Directors (between the passing the said Act and the 1st. of *August* 1696.) shall furnish out of their Creditors Money 200 000 *l.* to maintain the Seige against the Commissioners for taking subscriptions, and shall send their Oaths of Fidelity to their Members, who took the same, forbidding them to subscribe to the Land-Bank upon pain of damnation.

A Proclamation Issued out by one of the —— the day of Issuing out the Commission for taking Subscriptions to the Land-Bank.

SOme Body (*by his own procurement*) *One of the* —— *To all Auditors, Tellers, Clerks, and other Officers of the* Exchequer: *To all Commissioners, Receivers, Collectors, and other Officers of the Publick Revenue: To all Pay-masters of the Army and Navy, to all Agents of Regiments, and all other Officers, Agents of Servants; having or receiving any Sallary, Stipend, Fee or Wages, out of the Receipt of the* Exchequer. *Greeting. Whereas we are given to understand, that the Commissioners for taking Subscriptions to the* Land-Bank *intending to invade our* Exchequer *with the Summ of Two Millions five hundred sixty four thousand pounds, and to distress his Majesty, his Army and Navy, by paying the same into our hands for their use, in order thereunto have intrenched themselves within two several Garrisons, the one at* Mercers-Hall, London; *the other at* Exeter-Exchange *near the* Savoy, *where they have provided among themselves* 600000 l. *and more, and do there daily rendevous, and from thence sally out in great numbers to forrage in all places where they have intelligence of any ready Moneys: We have thought fit to Issue out this our Proclamation, strictly charging and requiring you, and we do hereby strictly charge and command you, that you do forthwith withdraw all your ready Moneys from within ten miles of the said Garrisons, and all other places where the Enemies come to forrage, that they may be thereby distressed, and left destitute of Subscriptions. And we do also strictly charge and command you, that in all places, and on all occasions, ye do endeavour to possess the Subjects against the said Commissioners, as prejudicial to our designs, and destructive to our ambition, and that ye do in all things treat and use them as Enemies against us in open War. And we do hereby strictly charge and command all Officers extraordinary, who are waiting for or expecting any Offices or Places under us, or wherein we have any influence, that they be from time to time aiding and assisting to you in aspersing and affronting the Commissioners aforesaid. And of this you are not to fail, for fear of losing your possessions, and they their expectations.* Given, *&c.*

Mr. *R*——*r* Where had you those Papers?

Trustees. We pickt them out of Mr. S——*ck* Pocket, while he was kneeling to one of his Patrons in the Lobby.

Mr. *B*——*coe* Ay, just so they stole my Notions from me, and then turned my Book into an Almanack to make it ridiculous.

Trustees Ay, just as the Painter clapt a Tail to a Fellow of a Monkey-face, and then sold him for a Jack-an-apes.

Mr. *B*——*coe* But pray Mr. *R*——*r* Can't I bring an Indictment of Felony against them for this?

Mr. *R*——*r* If the value were above a shilling you may, or else 'tis but petty Larceny.

R. VV. No, no. the whole Value was but 8 pence, and therefore I have stiled it *Plagiarism*, which is the punishment in petty Larceny.

Cryer Ay, but suppose 'twere done in the Night, then with submission it will be Burglary.

Mr R——*r* If the Book had Clasps on I conceive it will, for the opening the Clasps in the Night will be such a breaking as to make it Burglary

Mr. *B*——*coe* Some of them had Covers in the second year, won't that do?

R. VV. Is one Witness enough to prove the Burglary?

Mr R.——*r* Yes, if it be a good one.

R. VV. Then *Mr. B*——*coe* get Clasps put on one of your Books and let me have it, and I'll form the Oath for you, and swear it when I have done.

Mr. R——*r* What Thieves and *Murderers* too Gentlemen, Come I must tell you, *The Blood and VVounds*—— your Stomachs for you, since your Brains are so hot this Morning. I lay the Blood and Wounds of the Bank of *England*, (*I know what I'm going to say*) will rise up in Judgment against you, as the blood of the Horses will against *VVhitney* when they meet.

Trustees Ay, well remembred, and what's next?

L--M--r I'll have the printing of this Trial. That's next.

Mr. R——*r* What reason for that, this is the first word you have offered in the Case.

L---d M---r What a that, why should I be put to speak, are not you the mouth of the Court?

Enter *A. G - t.*

A. G--t Is Mr. *S*——*ck* here?

Cryer Yes.

A. G——*r* Here, I have been at your Bank for 5000 *l.* and your Casnier tells me the Bills are out, and that I must come to you.

Mr. S——*ck* Let's see the Bills, Why these Bills are out, I wonder that you being an ancient Practicer, should know the Rules of the Court no better, I think I have a Copy of them about me, (*and delivers them to Mr* G.) we can't pay you any money till we receive this 200 thousand Guineas from those Land-Bank men.

A. G. VVhat do you tell me of Rules of Court and Land-Bank men, all you and your Banks are a pack of Cheats. I entered my mannor of *M- ---font*, with Dr. *C----lain* three months agoe, and can get no money yet, here we pay Taxes and Polls, and all the money is gone away into Banks, and Sallaries to Officers. I offered at first to furnish them with a set of Judges for 600 *l.* a year a peice; as good as any they have for 1000 *l.* my Brother should have been one, and then I lost 1500 *l.* by one of my familiar Peers, whom I used to take by the buttons in King *James*'s time, but he gave me the slip to run away with his Master. If you'll chop and change your Revolutions on such suddains, how can any man get in his Debts first, I am sure I have no place, and I'll tell you plainly if you don't pay me my money I'll sue you, you and all your Banks, and your Land-Banks for a pack of Cheats.

Counsel. And who shall pay me?

Cl. of Arr. And me.

Cryer. Ay, and me.

Mr. S——*ck* I don't know, we never pay any money in Specie, nor divide any Bills under 50 *l.* and that's too much for you all. VVe'll give the Jury a Dinner, and *Mr. G.* a Supper, and that's all we can do at present.

Counsel Hay, hay, I am finely bubled into a Trial, and called blockhead to boot.

Cl. of Arr. Bubled! a plague rot 'em all for me, what must I arraign Rogues for nothing?

Cryer Nay, good Master *S--ck*, Crying is dry work pray Sir.

Trustees VVell Gentlemen, if you have done with us, we'll leave you together, to print your Trial, and pay your Bills and Fees amongst your selves. And so your Humble Servants.

The Rules of Court delivered by Mr. *S--ck* to *Ant. G--dot.*

THe Directors of the Bank of England, *for the Instructions of all Practicers in their Court, do order that these Rules following be shyeen'd in* Grocers Hall.

1. *That no Bill shall be presented to the Cashire, to know whether he will pay it or not, 'till one month at least after the date.*

2. *That when the Bill stands duely presented, the Cashier shall date the day of the presentation.*

3. *That any person having a Bill so duely presented and noted, may lawfully move the Cashier at the Side-Bar to have a day appointed for payment of such part of the Money as the Cashier shall think fit.*

4. *That the Cashier shall thereupon give a day for payment, unless cause be shewed to the contrary.*

5. *That want of Money, or other opportunities to dispose of it to profit, be allowed as a good Cause of Non-payment.*

6. *That no Bill of one years standing, or more, shall be capable of being presented to the Cashier without one Motion made to the Directors, and a* Scire Facias *sued out thereupon.*

7. *That the Cashier accept no Bills of the Bank in payment of Forreign Bills. and that all Merchants who refuse the Bank Bills in payment of Forreign Bills, shall be summoned to* Wh—Hall *as disaffected to the Government, for that their Bills (and Notes contrary to Law) are the only Species of Money in the Kingdom, to be accepted and taken by all persons but themselves.*

The Epilogue.

Vanums and Vacuums in Pulpits may make sounds,
Indefinites will serve to go the Rounds;
But when we'd view them in their naked dress,
Nothing but vain words can vain things express.

I *Do apqoint Mr.* John B---coe's *Printer in* Bartholomew-Close *to print this Trial, and that no other Person presume to print the same.* J. H. *M*——*r.*

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